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ENP01FTB23071 2/00/VCJ/R370-71 AVH,ALA,AVS/HIGH-G-H,MTRL-Y/I,B,Z. DAILY GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES SUMMARY NUMBER 204, 23 JULY 1971

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THIS REPORT PROVIDES A DAILY RECAPITULATION OF ACTIVITY NOTED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVING THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES (GDRS) TO INCLUDE INFILTRATION AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN NORTH VIETNAM AND ADJACENT AREAS, AND IS BASED UPON SIGINT (EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED) MADE AVAILABLE TO NSA DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. FOR LOCATIONS OF NVA GDRS FACILITIES, SEE 2/00/VCJ/R06-71. I. HIGHLIGHTS A. THIRTY ARVN AND TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN BT 34 AREA (II,B,1). B. REFERENCES TO GROUPS TB234 AND TB235 IN GROUP 470'S AREA (II,B,2). THUS FAR IN JULY, ONE INFILTRATION GROUP AND TWO SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUPS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN GDRS COMMUNICATIONS. II. LAOS A. NORTHERN GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS 1. A 19 JULY MESSAGE FROM POSSIBLY BT 24 TO TRANSHIPMENT POINTS T4 AND T5 STATED THAT THE 907TH BATTALION IS ON THE MOVE. THE 907TH BATTALION--POSSIBLY THE 907TH SON LA PROVINCIAL BATTALION--HAD A TROOP STRENGTH OF 220 PERSONNEL. THIS UNIT WOULD BE COMING DOWN, AND T5 WAS INSTRUCTED TO HELP FEED THE PERSONNEL. 2. A SHORTAGE OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS WAS MENTIONED IN A 22 JULY MESSAGE EMANATING FROM THE BT 11 AREA. THE MESSAGE, FROM POSSIBLY A SUBORDINATE OF THE 743D TRANSPORTATION BATTALION, INDICATED THAT THE ORIGINATOR POSSESSED ONLY A FEW CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS. A FIRE HAD REPORTEDLY DESTROYED MOST OF THESE MATERIALS, AND THERE WAS SOME QUESTION WHETHER COMMUNICATIONS WITH BATTALION WOULD CONTINUE. B. SOUTHERN MANPOWER 1. THE PRESENCE OF 30 ARVN AND 2 AMERICAN PRISONERS IN THE BT 34 AREA WAS DISCLOSED IN A HIGHLY FRAGMENTED MESSAGE FROM PROBABLY BT 34 TO THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP ON 21 JULY. ONE OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS REPORTEDLY HAD DIED POSSIBLY AT T-43 PROBABLY ON THE 20TH. IT WAS FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT THE REMAINING AMERICAN PRISONER WOULD BE TAKEN TO POSSIBLY T-42 OF BT 33 PROBABLY ON 21 JULY. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE INCOMPLETENESS OF THE MESSAGE, NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF THE AMERICAN POW OR THE ARVN PRISONERS. (2/00/VCJ/T208-71, 220645Z) 2. THE INITIAL REFERENCES TO GROUPS TB234 AND TB235 WERE NOTED IN A 15 JULY MESSAGE FROM GROUP 470 TO THE 559TH TG. THESE GROUPS AND PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED GROUPS TB231 AND TB232 WERE IN THE BT 51 AREA AND WERE DESTINED FOR B2. (2/01/VCJ/T4772-71, 152223Z) 3. REFERENCES TO INFILTRATION GROUPS 2223, 2228, 2279, 2283, 2286, 2289, AND 2298 WERE NOTED IN A 20 JULY MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP 470 AREA. THESE GROUPS WERE COMPOSED OF SMALL

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